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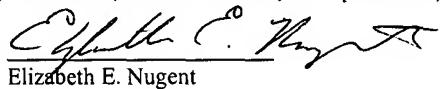
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OFFICE ACTION RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

This Response to Office Action is filed in response to the Office Action mailed March 6, 2003, rejecting claims 2 and 17-25. The cited references are JP 64-25583 A (hereinafter referred to as "Ayusawa") and U.S. Patent No. 3,243,768 (hereinafter referred to as "Roshon"). The following amendments and remarks remove all grounds for rejection of the application, thereby placing it in condition for allowance.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.